

Why Do the Olympics Drive Us Crazy?

Rev. Steven Epperson

February 21, 2010

11:00 am



American Shani Davis skating to the gold.



Olympic Flame, Photo by Tom Wiebe

The Unitarian Church of Vancouver

We are a community of diverse beliefs and shared values.

*In fellowship with one another, we seek spiritual growth, social justice,
and environmental sustainability through worship, ethical action,
education, and artistic expression.*

We welcome all who would join this compassionate and visionary community.

UNITARIAN CHURCH OF VANCOUVER

Celebration of Worship *February 21, 2010*

At the front of the church you will find unlit candles. You are welcome to light a candle in remembrance, in gratitude, in prayer, in celebration. Our church welcomes your comments and suggestions. Please find slips beside a suggestion box in the foyer. Thank you.

*Help us create a mood for shared celebration
Please turn off your pagers, cell phones, etc.*

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| Prelude | In-gathering singing with Joyce Poley |
| Invocation | <i>We Gather Here Together</i> with the Chalice Choir |
| Opening Words /Greeting Our Neighbours | Rev. Steven Epperson |
| Kindling the Chalice Flame | |
| Opening Hymn # 159 | <i>This Is My Song</i> |
| Story for All Ages | <i>The Trouble with Dragons</i> Debi Gliori read by Rev. Steven Epperson |
| | <i>Go now in peace, go now in peace. May the spirit of love surround you, Everywhere, everywhere, you may go.</i> |
| Welcome and Announcements | Board member |
| Reading from the Book of Celebrations and Concerns | Board member |
| Offering: <i>We deeply appreciate your presence here, your offering and the gifts you share.</i> | <i>Foreign Lands and Peoples Important Event</i> R. Schumann E. Dainow, piano |
| Meditation, spoken then silent | Rev. Steven Epperson |
| Anthem | <i>Jubilate Deo</i> by László Halmos with the Chalice Choir |
| Sermon | Why Do The Olympics Drive Us Crazy Rev. Steven Epperson |
| Closing Hymn # 289 | <i>Creative Love, Our Thanks We Give</i> |
| Benediction/Extinguishing the Chalice Flame | |

Valediction

*Carry the flame of peace and love, until we meet again.
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Postlude

*Having Fun
A Brosk Game
An Old Dance
Sonatina D. Kabalevsky
E. Dainow, piano*



"Say Cheese" The Tye Feb 16, 2010



Percy Williams of Vancouver on winning Olympic Gold Medal, Amsterdam, 1928

Sunday, February 28, 2010

11:00 am Worship Service

Come, Come, Whoever You Are

Rev. Steven Epperson

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The seats in the fourth row on the left side of the church are reserved for people with hearing loss. People using hearing aids may obtain further amplification by activating the T-switch. The seats in the rear of the church are reserved: left side for parents with babies or small children in child care, and right side for persons in wheelchairs.

WELCOME! NEWCOMERS AND VISITORS

If you are a new family here with babies or children, we wish you a special welcome. Our childcare staff is happy to provide free care for babies and toddlers during the service. Your children aged three and above will enjoy the church school. Ask the ushers for directions. If you need to slip out of the Sanctuary with a fretting baby, please know that the service can be heard in the foyer and in Hewett Centre.

Please visit our Visitors' table, sign in and get a name tag in the Sanctuary Foyer. Drop by the Welcome Table in Hewett Centre after the service, and stay for coffee, tea or juice and friendly conversation. Learn about our church and our community. Look for people wearing yellow name tags, who are welcoming you today.

SUPPORT TEAM TODAY

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| COFFEE SET UP AND SERVERS | Youth Group with Sheldon Reddekopp |
| FLOWERS | Shirley Brunke |
| LIBRARY AND LITERATURE STALL | Elizabeth Murdock, Olive Stewart |
| LUNCH | Youth Group |
| ORDER OF SERVICE | Tara-Lee MacNiven |
| SOUND | Gerry Hayle |
| USHERS | Jane Sutherland, Cheryl Amundson, Carolyn Grant |
| WELCOME AND INFORMATION TABLE | Alison Pearson, Eleanor Dunn, Karen Hobbs |

STAFF

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| PARISH MINISTER | Rev. Steven Epperson |
| ACTING CHOIR DIRECTOR (Donna Brown is on sabbatical) | Gavin Grandish |
| MUSIC ASSISTANT TO THE MINISTER | Elliott Dainow |
| ACTING D.R.E. | Jennifer Fell |
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| ADMINISTRATIVE MANAGER | Tamara Shoup |
| BOOKKEEPER | Ravina Sangara |
| OFFICE ASSISTANT / BOOKINGS | Tara-Lee MacNiven |
| SUNDAY RECEPTIONISTS | Virginia Crabill, Patti Turner |
| UCV LAY CHAPLAINS | Phyllis Bassett, Dan Enright Sherry King, Wayne Ulian |
| COMMUNITY MINISTER | Rev. Laura Imayoshi |

*The red pulpit hanging is a gift from our partner church in Brassó, Romania,
to celebrate our continuing relationship.*

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UCV AND DENOMINATIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

OUR CHILDREN'S PROGRAM TODAY 0 to 3yrs – Childcare room, 3yrs to grade 3 – Parker (downstairs), Grade 4 to 7 – Budny/Socinus, Youth – Hitschmanova (downstairs)

UCV BOOK CLUB meets first Sundays at 12:30 pm. All welcome. Check paper on windows near Hewett Centre entry for room. All welcome. Books: March 7, *The Realm of the Hungry Ghosts*, NF, Gabor Maté; April 4, *The Golden Mean*, F, Annabel Lyon; May 2, *A Fair Country: Telling Truths about Canada*, NF, John Ralston Saul; June 6, *The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society*, F, Mary Ann Shaffer & Annie Barrows.

ART IN THE SANCTUARY Sima Elizabeth Shefrin facilitated 2 art workshops in Palestine and Israel. "I invited participants to create fabric self-portraits, which with the help of stitchers in BC, have made the quilts you see today". See more info in the Sanctuary. In the Sanctuary and Fireside Room until end of Feb.

FORUM 12:30-1:30pm -- Forum today -- Volunteering as a Spiritual Practice Join members of the board and congregation in an exploration of the of the soul-feeding experience of volunteering. Mary Bennett, Leslie Hill, David Marmorek, Dave Steele, Jane Sutherland and Nancy Woodham will form a panel to share their experiences and fire a broader conversation among Forum participants.

NEW WOMEN'S GROUP Third Sunday of the month, Today,. 1:15pm after church for 2 hrs or so. Come – make contact – share what we'd like to do. 6-10 people. Register with Dorothy Goresky – 604-261-7022 – or Delores Bate – 604-737-7099

CANCELLED – Due to conflicts with major Olympic events and low ticket sales the Universal Gospel Choir concert scheduled for February 28th has been cancelled. The concert to benefit Our Children's Table will be rescheduled to a later date. If you purchased tickets they may be returned to the Social Justice Committee for a refund.

VISUAL ARTS GROUP in Hitchmanova on the 2nd and 4th Saturdays from 1-3pm.

VEGAN-ON-A-SHOESTRING is back by popular acclaim. This month's workshop features *The Gentle Lentil*. Learn how to transform this versatile, protein- and fiber-rich ingredient into succulent stews and more, all on a tight budget. Saturday, February 27th 12:00 - 4:00 p.m. at Denise's (26th Ave., between Cambie and Main). Sliding scale \$5 - \$12. Pre-registration required, contact Denise Swanson: dcswanson@shaw.ca or 604-872-5343.

GARDENING WORKSHOP with Grant Watson: Garden Planning and Preparation, Sun, Feb 28 2-5 pm in Hewett Centre. Discount for UCV members. For details see gourmetgardens.ca

DAYTIMERS on Thurs. Feb 28th. We will share favourite poetry and music at 11am to 1pm. At noon we will enjoy our bag lunches. Join us if you are able.

UNITARIAN MUSIC CLUB Everyone is welcome to attend the Music Club's meeting on Monday, February 22 at 7:30 in the Sanctuary. Please bring a contribution to refreshments. If you would like to perform, come and we will set a date. Info: Jeannie Corsi: 604.224.1040, nichorsi@interchange.ubc.ca; David Donaldson: 604.224.6010, dvdd@telus.net.

UCV'S OUR CHILDREN'S TABLE There have been many thank yous to pass on to you for your gifts of cheddar cheese from the families who attend Our Children's Table on most Tuesdays (in March: 2nd, 9th, 16th & 30th). We will continue to collect cheese (400-600gr.bricks) and peanut butter through the 6th of June. If you're interested in volunteering, contact Diana & Laureen at oct@vancouverunitarians.ca.